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1. In early October, a Soviet naval squadron, consisting of a small cruiser, four destroyers, and two large trawlers, arrived in Gdansk (Danzig) from Kaliningrad (Koenigsberg) on an official friendly visit. In command of the squadron was a Soviet admiral named Pushkin (fnu), referred to in the newspapers also as Tishkin (fnu). The cruiser and the four destroyers were anchored in that portion of the Gdansk port called the "reda" and were not clearly visible. However, observers knowledgeable about ships state that the cruiser was a small German vessel of the LUETZOW class.

2. Stanislaw Poplawski, an army general, officially welcomed the squadron to Poland in the name of the Polish Minister of National Defense. After the welcoming address on the Westerplatte, the higher ranking Soviet officers from the squadron departed for Warsaw and Gdynia; a few of the officers went to Gruenwalde to attend the tenth anniversary observance of the "building of the Polish Army".[1] Prior to ten years ago, according to the speakers at the anniversary observance, the Polish Army was not in existence.

3. The Soviet squadron departed from Gdansk on 13 October 1953.

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